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Applicants: SHUSTER et al.

Art Unit: 2154

Serial No.: 09/648,474

Examiner: Dustin Nguyen

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Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM
FOR HOSTING INFORMATION EXCHANGE
GROUPS ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated June 14, 2004, or until October 14, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to pay the one-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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